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DEATH IN ITS PATH

Most Destructive Storm in Years Visits Portions of Iowa and Minnesota.

WHOLE TOWNS SWEEPED OUT OF EXISTENCE

Many People Crushed to Death in the Wreck of Their Own Homes.

STORM COVERED A VERY WIDE AREA

Scarcely a Family in Its Path that Does Not Mourn Some Dead.

RICH FARMING COUNTRY DEVASTATED

Product of the Year's Toil Scattered in the Fields and Destroyed.

DETAILS OF THE CALAMITY MEAGER

Frostrate Telegraph Wires and the Large Large Territory Devastated Makes it Difficult to Secure Details of the Calamity.

OSAGE, Ia., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)

A cyclone of old original form struck four miles northeast of this city last night, destroying everything in its path. It traveled from east to west, striking the Otter place, four miles from this city, first, destroying one large barn, unroofing three others and the house, picking the windmill up and dropping it through the barn. It next struck Mrs. P. Loneragan's place, destroying the grove, barn and house and killing Mrs. Loneragan and seriously injuring her son. Mrs. Loneragan was carried several rods and left in a hog lot across the road. It took P. S. Herbert's large barn and house, completely demolishing both, killing Mrs. Herbert, aged 39, and two children, Harry, aged 8, and Ruth, aged 6 months, seriously injuring Mr. Herbert. Next was Mr. Donner's house, which was badly damaged. At the W. Perry place the house and barn were torn to kindling wood, killing his daughter Annie, aged 12 years, fatally injuring William Perry, aged 27. It took the school house up bodily and no trace of it can be found. Then the storm seemed to rise some, but did much damage to barns and windmills, and on the east in Douglas township James McCann and wife were so seriously injured there are no hopes of their recovery. William Stanton is also in a dangerous condition.

Another cyclone struck one mile north of Stansgar, demolishing a \$9,000 bridge, overturning the houses of A. Tolleson and Mr. Grow, then raising, to drop on the town of Lowther.

The storm completely wiped out the city of Leroy, Minn., next, where fire and wind destroyed a hotel and three general stores.

Next came Spring Valley, where fifty-three houses and a cold storage depot were demolished. Five persons were killed and over thirty injured. The next town visited was Laird, where the depot and several buildings were destroyed. In this city nearly every window is broken by hail, which fell as large as hens' eggs, while torrents of water rushed down the streets.

KOSUTH COUNTY VISITED.

MASON CITY, Ia., Sept. 22.—The most

devastating and life destroying storm of wind, hail and torrents of rain known in years visited this section last night about 10 o'clock. In its destructive path it touched the south part of Lincoln township, and then it passed eastward to Mandy Junction, and then the south part of Worth county. In its way it swept valuable property out of existence and killed at least fifty persons. All telegraphic communication has been shut off by fallen wires, so that full details cannot be obtained, but it is certain that the number of dead and injured will foot into the hundreds. The storm seems to have traveled from the southwest to the northeast. It appears that it gathered its force south of Emmetsburg, then crossed the Iowa and Dakota division of the Milwaukee east of Emmetsburg. It next headed north of western, then in Lincoln township, and next crossed the Iowa and Dakota division a mile north of Grafton, thence speeding straight north to Leroy and Spring Valley. At Emmetsburg the amphitheater at the fair grounds was wrecked, also one residence. Several are reported injured there. Four miles north of Wesley great destruction was wrought. At Cylinder, the whole family of Alexander Goldman, consisting of himself, wife and two children, were killed. About ten other persons were injured. Dwellings were demolished, and a large number of out buildings laid low. Reports say there were nine killed in the vicinity of Cylinder and Emmetsburg. Three miles north of Wesley, J. Bingham's house was overturned and set on fire. The inmates had a narrow escape. The killed in that vicinity are:

M. CASIER and WIFE.
J. W. BINGHAM.

MRS. TWEED, mother of Louis Tweed.
TWO CHILDREN OF THOMAS TWEED.

Mrs. E. Scheffe and two children.
FRID. SCHEFFE and TWO CHILDREN.

Infants of Mr. and Mrs. Eden and Mr. and Mrs. Rocco.

This makes a total of fourteen killed here so far as heard from.

The injured are, so far as learned:
Mrs. E. Tweed and four children.

Tweed had both arms broken and two of the children cannot live.

Thomas Tweed, wife and two children, both seriously injured.

Jester Camp, wife and children and Mr. and Mrs. Eden, all seriously injured.

The storm struck near Crystal Lake, at Britt. The list of killed, three to seven miles north of Britt, are:

MRS. STUGGART AND TWO CHILDREN.

MRS. GRIGGS.

MRS. SMILTON AND ONE CHILD.

MR. JACOBSON.

MAN AND AN UNKNOWN CHILD.

The fatally injured are:

Christ Manson.

Mrs. Smilton's child.

Injured slightly:

Mr. Smilton, Mr. Smith and three children.

Mr. Dana, wife and three children.

Mr. Bingham, wife and three children.

P. Daughton and wife.

A. Dockman and wife.

A. Foster.

Mr. Mutz, wife and child.

Mr. Otercourse and wife.

R. P. Madsen.

In this county, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Had-

dow, Eloy McKeecher and John Peterson

were killed and Mrs. D. McKeecher and

Maggie Butler fatally injured. The property

lost will run high into the thousands. The

injured are all being cared for.

A widow hedge running north and south

near the Stehnek homestead was piled full

of household goods, mattresses, bedding and

milk cans, carried through from Beaver's

place, a mile west.

HORSES CAME OUT ALL RIGHT.

The Joe Thompson house was gutted and

the walls are in a swaying condition. His

barns went to pieces and five horses were

buried in it. It took till 3 o'clock next

morning to dig them out, but all were re-

covered from the ruins without injury.

East of the river in Plum Creek township

the house of George Holman was carried

twenty rods and dropped with such force as

to wreck it. In it were Mr. Holman, wife

and six children. One of the children was

killed outright and four were injured and

Holman seriously hurt. An old man named

Dangman, a mile north of Holman's, was

killed and several were killed near him.

The cyclone, including a man and wife,

name not known. A man named Sweeper

and two children and an infant child of the

Clausdens was killed. Others are coming in

to our undertakers for coffins.

The country swept over is a farming sec-

tion with great barns filled to the rafters

with hay. The packed condition of the

barns saved the stock. There is hardly any

loss of stock.

A dispatch received from Wesley, twelve

miles east, states that there were thirteen

dead bodies north of there. Several of these

are included in the foregoing.

The cyclone burst in all its fury upon the

residents of North Cerro Gordo county, de-

stroying eight farm houses and laying

everything flat. The dead there are:

ELLEN MCKEECHER.

JOHN PATTERSON.

D. T. HADDOW.

MRS. D. T. HADDOW.

FATALLY WOUNDED.

MISS MAGGIE BAKER.

HAROLD MCKEECHER.

ALICE MCKEECHER.

MISS EDITH BENTLEY.

JAMES O'NEILL.

Five persons were killed at Osage and

probably half a dozen others in the district

immediately surrounding this city. The cy-

clone came from the east-southeast and passed

off across the Minnesota line.

At Lowther, a town of 100 people, the

storm destroyed the Great Western depot,

grain elevator, the store buildings and dwell-

ings. The Chicago express on the Chicago

Great Western road was delayed clearing the

demolished buildings from the tracks.

The Chicago Great Western agent at Mc-

Intire, Ia., telegraphed that the storm passed

over Riceville, some four or five miles dis-

tant, doing some damage, and then struck

the small village of Lowther, destroying the

entire place. The McIntire agent also tele-

graphs that messengers came into Riceville

for physicians, who are needed at the village

of New Haven, some ten miles distant from

Riceville. These messengers said New Haven

was badly damaged by the storm, many

houses being wrecked and several persons

injured.

TWENTY-SIX KILLED.

ALGONA, Ia., Sept. 22.—A cyclone passed

through this county about 8 o'clock last

night. So far as reported twenty-six people

are killed and thirty-nine injured, several

of them fatally. The little town of Cylinder,

twenty miles west of this place, on the Mil-

waukee road, is reported to have been literally

swept from the face of the earth. About

twenty-five miles north of that place a family

named Goulden, four in number, were all

killed. The town of Whittemore, twelve

miles west of Algona, was unharmed, but

Robert Stevenson, four miles north, was

killed and his wife probably fatally injured.

Eighteen people who sought shelter in the

house on the Durant place were more or

less hurt, and one woman will probably die.

They were going home from the county fair

at this place, which had a big day yester-

day.

A little further on fourteen others were

huddled into the Beggsman house. Here

Carl Barrett was badly hurt and his wife

was probably fatally injured. Charles Lee

and wife and five children were very badly

hurt.

All of this company who escaped death

were injured. The wife and children of

Fred Pompe in Fenton township were in

the house, which completely collapsed, but

were covered by the falling walls and no one

hurt. The barn was completely blown

away, except the floor and mangers. Five

horses, tied to the mangers, were left stand-

ing on the floor unharmed.

George W. Beaver, three miles north of

Algona, had just got home from the fair.

He got into the house with his wife and

two children and an adopted boy and was

just getting down into the cellar when the

cyclone struck the house and demolished it

completely. The whole family were covered

with the ruins. Beaver had the baby in his

arms, and with it he made his way north

to the house of Christian Dau, his father-in-law,

for help. His wife was just dying when he

returned and his little girl gasped "papa"

and expired. The wreck here was complete,

nothing remaining of the handsome house

and barn.

The sight at Myron Schink's was even a

more complete picture of desolation. Two

immense barns and the house were made

into kindling wood. His wife and child

were carried 100 feet, and when found were

under heavy oak beams. Both were hurt

and Mr. Schink was unconscious. Horace

Schink, Myron's father, was covered up

with a pile of lumber. He had a severe

scalp wound and was hurt in the back and

otherwise injured. His condition is serious.

He is 73 years old and his recovery is ques-

tionable.

FOREST CITY, Ia., Sept. 22.—It is ex-

pected the number of dead from the cyclone

will reach twelve or fifteen in this section,

and the number of wounded double that num-

ber. The loss of property is also heavy.

Buffalo and Edna townships in Winnebago

county and Ellington and Madison town-

ships in Hancock county seem to have suf-

fered the most. In Buffalo township six are

known to be killed and at Ellington two.

Reports are very meager, as most of the

casualties are in the outlying districts and

wires are down.

At Leroy the dead are:

HENRY FINLEY, aged 16.

CHRIST GILBERTSON, aged 16.

JOE NELSON, aged 35.

Mrs. Mort Dunton is badly injured and she

cannot live, and the others injured are:

Neils Weigan, Carl Carlson, Arthur May-

field, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chamberlain,

R. Myers, Charles Blair and three small

children, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cotton.

MINNESOTA TOWNS DEMOLISHED.

Wind Two Hundred Yards Wide Eats Up

Everything in Its Path.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 22.—St. Paul and all

southeasterly Minnesota was visited last

night by a heavy rain and thunder storm,

accompanied further by considerable wind.

With one almost incredible exception, it

was the first real rainfall which has visit-

ed the city since May 15. The Great

Western reports trouble and damage only

at one point. The storm, which is described

as a hurricane and a cyclone, passed di-

agonally across the track between switches

at Lowther, Ia., which is the fourth sta-

tion below the line. The switches would in-

dicate the distance at less than 1,000 feet,

but the gale swept everything in sight,

striking all the company's buildings. The

depot and the grain warehouses were razed

to the ground. The blow occurred at mid-

night, but the damage was not very great.

East of the river a passenger train out of here

was delayed only about forty minutes by the

clearing of the track. Reports are meager,

but the loss of life in the southeastern cor-

ner of the state was very severe.

A Waseca, Minn., special to the Dispatch

says: A cyclone passed through the central

portion of this county last night destroying

many thousand dollars worth of property in

Whiton and Miles townships. No lives are

reported as being lost.

The cyclone struck Spring Valley, Minn.,

at 10 p. m., first demolishing the Winona &

Southwestern depot, windmill, water tank,

oil tank, cold storage house of Schellhaus

Brewing company of Winona, utterly de-

stroying them together with a dozen or

more houses. Three persons are dead and

twenty severely injured, some of whom will

die. Temporary hospitals have been opened

for the injured, while others are taken care

of by friends. The damage to the South-

western road is about \$5,000. Loss, \$30,000.

No insurance. The dead are:

MR. AND MRS. N. DODGE.

A CHILD OF FRANK MASHEK.

The wounded are:

C. G. KING, fatally.

MR. LOUIS ROSE, fatally.

Mrs. Rose, seriously.

Mr. Harper, face bruised.

Mrs. Harper, injured back.

Mrs. Frank Mashek, injured back; criti-

cally.

Charles Dodge, critically.

Pelle Rumsey, broken leg.

Sallie Williams, seriously.

Mrs. William Strong, arm broken.

John Ness, arm broken and Mrs. Allen

were blown from their foundations. A

wrecking train left here for Homer at 2

a. m.

In Gilmore Valley, west of Winona, a num-

ber of houses and barns are reported to have

been unroofed. The poor house barn was

blown from its foundation. It is believed

that the bluffs to the south of the city pro-

tected Winona from danger.

The storm then passed over the Missis-

sippi river, striking Marshall and the Wis-

consin side, destroying several houses and

other structures, but injuring no one as far

as reported.

At Homer the barn of Mr. Jamison was

destroyed; also one belonging to Mr. Watson.

Peter Burns' house was partly unroofed.

The houses of Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Allen

were blown from their foundations. A

wrecking train left here for Homer at 2

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